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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A recent issue of the ADA leadership bulletin included an insert concerned with illegal dental practice activities in the U.S. Sixteen states were listed; the outlook in them generally dismal. However, Texas was a bright exception. The note regarding that state read, "Illegal dental activities have been significantly reduced in Houston and throughout the state due to strict law enforcement by the State Dental Board in co-operation with the Attorney General. A community denture clinic established by the Houston District Dental Society remains operational and is staffed by members of the society and by dental students."

This may be the handsomest response we can make to the denturist movement, the members of which will not have sufficient training to offer even adequate denture treatment to all Americans.

John J. Sharry, D.M.D.

JOURNAL EXCHANGE COLUMN

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Those interested should contact Dr. George J. Schuetz, Rt. 4, West Woodstock, Vt. 05091.

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GUESTS WELCOME AT SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

Members may invite guests to attend all functions of the College at the up-coming meeting November 10, 11 and until noon the 12th. Fee for guests will be forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for the scientific program. They may secure tickets for all social events. For Additional information, hotel reservation forms, tickets, etc. Write: Secretary Kenneth D. Rudd, 6005 Rue Liliane, San Antonio, Texas 78238.

SPECIALTY PEER REVIEW FOR BOARD CERTIFIED PROSTHODONTISTS

Since specialists wish to be reviewed by their peers (other specialists) in their geographical areas of practice, panels of specialty consultants in prosthodontics have been or will be formed by the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations when requested. For those component or constituent societies who desire these prosthodontic panels to act as specialty consultants to their own local peer review committees, a letter or telephone call to the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations' Central Office in the American Dental Association Building in Chicago will initiate prompt action.

The dental profession has established peer review committees to mediate, to advise and to counsel dentists, their patients and third-party carriers in certain problems that may arise in their professional and business relationships. The profession's purpose is to maintain the

best possible communication in an increasingly complicated economic environment so dentistry may continue to provide quality care to its patients under the proven fee-for-service system. The committees are composed of mature, well respected dentists in their community, and those committees have accepted the responsibility of conducting unbiased, impartial and objective hearings in matters referred to them. The committee's goal is to resolve problems through mediation and upon communication.

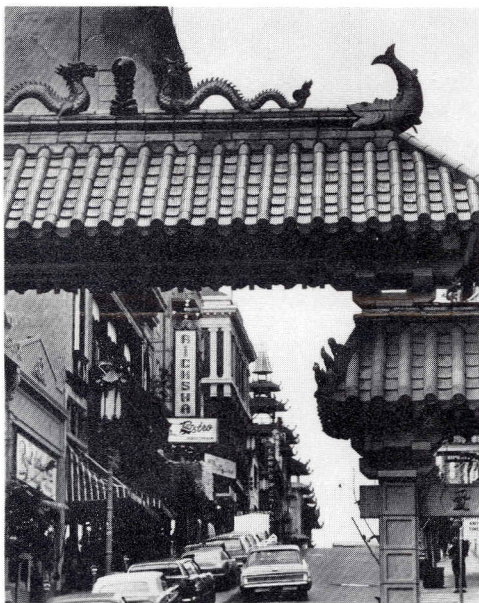
Membership in the American Dental Association and the American Board of Prosthodontics carries the obligation of serving on these committees when asked, and performing in the totally responsible manner that keeps professional review above reproach.

During the Federation's 1972 Business meeting, the American College of Prosthodontists agreed to accept the obligation of forming these panels. To standardize and centralize a well-known point of origin, it was agreed that the Federation's Central Office would accept requests for

prosthodontic panels from (1) those board specialists involved in a review or (2) the local Peer Review Committee Chairman handling the review. The Central Office will immediately forward the request to the Secretary of the American College of Prosthodontists. The College Secretary and/or appropriate committee chairman would then select a panel from the geographical area involved and forward the panel roster to the Chairman of the local Peer Review Committee in charge of the review.

Since the ADA House of Delegates' "Peer Review Guidelines" stresses the importance of peer review functioning totally at the lowest possible structural level, it must be understood that specialty panels act as consultants only to the local Peer Review Committee. Since peer review is a confidential matter, information passed through the Federation's Central Office and the American College must be handled discretely.

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Chairman, Committee on
Dental Care Programs
Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations.



San Francisco's Chinatown has a new front door. The gateway to the West's biggest Chinese settlement is guarded by temple dogs and roofed with green, glazed tiles surmounted by ocher dragons. Ornamental materials for the \$75,000 structure, which frames Grant Avenue at Bush Street, were made by Taiwan artists and presented to the city by the Republic of China.



The California Street cable car tracks lead past luxury hotels with lofty skyrooms, the upturned roofs of Chinatown, the high-rising buildings of San Francisco's "Wall Street" and an international array of restaurants -- all in a steep, 10-block stretch. In the distance: the superstructure of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS

This College is organized to foster interest in the specialty of Prosthodontics with the objective of improving the quality of treatment of the prosthodontic patient through educational activities designed to bring new ideas, techniques and research into clinical practice and to enhance the prosthodontic services received by the public.

I. Goal:

To provide guidance and promote excellence in advanced prosthodontic education, and to provide leadership in the affairs of the specialty of prosthodontics.

Objectives:

1. Conduct a workshop to develop guidelines for prosthodontic consultants to the Council on Dental Education for site visit evaluation.
2. Request the American Board of Prosthodontics to encourage anonymous communication on the performance of candidates with advanced program directors.
3. Continue to revise and publish "The Study Guide for Certification."
4. To achieve the privilege to appoint the prosthodontic member to the specialty committee of the commission on accreditation of the ADA.
5. Acquaint all graduate prosthodontic students with the aims and objectives of the American College of Prosthodontists.
6. Encourage the establishment of stipends for advanced prosthodontic students.
7. Sponsor the American Board of Prosthodontics by 1 January 1979.
8. Provide awards to advanced prosthodontic students for

published articles on prosthodontics.

9. Establish a means to make loans available to advanced prosthodontic students.
10. Recommend to the Council on Dental Education that all advanced program directors be diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics.
11. Encourage the concept that all advanced prosthodontic programs require that participants be able to demonstrate competency in both fixed and removable prosthodontics.
12. Urge all non-member diplomates of the Board to join the College.
13. Provide a better mechanism for affiliates to become associate members.
14. Establish regional chapters of the American College of Prosthodontists.

II. Goal:

To provide for objective evaluation of the quality of specialty care in prosthodontics.

Objectives:

1. Establish guidelines for the assessment of clinical quality and professional performance in the specialty of prosthodontics.
2. Establish peer review mechanisms for specialty prosthodontic quality evaluation.
3. Provide guidelines for election of prosthodontic specialty peer review committees on a local, state or regional basis.
4. Make advice and council available to state and local prosthodontic specialty peer review committees.
5. Disseminate information to the membership regarding peer review.
6. Establish standards of competency that a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics should maintain.

III. Goal:

To promote the understanding of the specialty of prosthodontics to the general public and within the profession.

Objectives:

1. Sponsor a workshop of specialty organizations to encourage interspecialty cooperation.
2. Sponsor articles to be published on the subject of prosthodontics for the public and the profession.
3. Establish a cash award to authors who publish articles on prosthodontics in the lay press.
4. Produce a motion picture which explains the specialty of prosthodontics to the public.
5. Investigate comparative costs and skills of prospective public relations firms.
6. Encourage speakers on prosthodontics to present to other specialty groups.
7. Invite officers of other organizations to our meetings.
8. Publish a "who's who" in prosthodontics.
9. Support efforts of the ADA and the FPO in resisting federal control of the number of specialists in the health professions.

IV. Goal:

To establish a central office to conduct the business of the College.

Objectives:

1. Investigate the costs involved and establish a tentative budget.
2. Obtain information from other comparable societies regarding establishing a central office.
3. Develop guidelines for selection of an executive secretary.
4. Establish a job description for an executive secretary.
5. Solicit support for this goal from the membership.

6. Investigate, promote and establish fringe benefit programs for members.

V. Goal:

To provide guidance and leadership in the relationships which exist between the prosthodontic specialty and third party reimbursement systems.

Objectives:

1. Conduct a survey of prosthodontic fees of diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics and associate members of the American College of Prosthodontists by January 1977.
2. Establish liaison with the appropriate councils or committees of national, constituent or component dental societies regarding third party payment systems for prosthodontic specialists.
3. Provide guidance concerning prosthodontic fee schedules to local specialty peer review committees when requested.

VI. Goal:

To stimulate and support research in prosthodontics.

Objectives:

1. Establish liaison with appropriate institutions and agencies for funding of research projects in prosthodontics.
2. Provide an award for research articles published in peer review journals.
3. Fund proposed research projects.
4. Publicize the Prosthodontic Section of I.A.D.R.
5. Suggest research projects for study.

VII. Goal:

To support efforts of the profession to limit to dentists the supervision of prosthodontic treatment.

Objectives:

1. Work with the dental profession to delineate the roles of dental auxiliary personnel.

SAN FRANCISCO PLANS

The entertainment portion of the meeting in, "Everybody's Favorite City," will be both planned and unplanned. Planned enough to give you an idea of the city's character and unplanned enough to give you a chance to take your choice of the widest selection of entertainment in the United States. You name it, San Francisco's got it. From the Top of the Fairmont, with nationally famous talent, to North Beach. North Beach, the direct descendant of the rollicking Barbary Coast, a blend of cabarets, sidewalk cafes, offbeat bistros, old-style cappuccino houses, playhouses and jazz showcases. No one has to bring the entertainment to you, you are in the middle of it.

Somewhere there may be a city with a greater variety of restaurants but in San Francisco, to categorize by ethnic group, you can find Armenian, Basque, British, Chinese, Czechoslovakian, Danish, French, German, Greek, Indian, Italian, Hungarian, Japanese, Jewish, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Philippine, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Swiss and that's not all.

For the planned portion we will lead off with a get re-acquainted party complete with San Francisco style music on Tuesday night, the 9th. On Wednesday the 10th, we will take a tour of the wine country. Northward across the Golden Gate Bridge, on past Sausalito and Tiburon, to Oakville, and the quaint old style winery of Beringer Brothers (complete with wine tasting) where reconstructed architecture gives the feeling of old world charm. Then to the picturesque modern winery of Robert Mondavi. Here we will stop a little longer to tour and taste and have our banquet in an atmosphere of pleasant informality and with a variety of wines for your selection. One visit may not make you a connoisseur but it will almost certainly make you a devotee. Then back to San Francisco where the city's late night entertainment possibilities await the energetic.

On Thursday we have a tour planned for the ladies. A tour, complete with luncheon, which will give you an idea of why San Francisco is the greatest convention city in the United States.

During the same time the members of the Society will be having their luncheon, with speaker, and then what has created as much interest, although not a part of the official entertainment, our business meeting. The night is yours, to catch up on what you missed Wednesday night.

Your hotel, selected quite some time ago to assure room space, is located on Union Square, which is in the middle of everything. Union Square is a block-sized park surrounded by specialty shops, cable car stops and tour bus accommodations. From here the shoppers can spread out to Jackson Square, a handsome enclave of pre-earthquake (we don't have one planned but it makes life seem a little more important each day) buildings and now a home furnishings center; Ghirardelli Square, a 19th century chocolate factory compound converted into a complex of chic boutiques and restaurants; The Cannery, a similar potpourri at Fisherman's Wharf; Chinatown; the Japan Center and the neighboring Nihonmachi shops; Grant Avenue, a center for artists; Union Street where decorators and gift shop owners have preserved the Victorian character of Old Cow Hollow residences and carriage houses and along the waterfront where import emporiums have sprung up in dockside warehouses.

San Francisco has it all. All we need are the members to come and enjoy themselves. As William Saroyan said, "If you're alive, you can't be bored in San Francisco."

Local arrangements Chairman
Robert J. Everhart

CLASSIC PROSTHODONTIC LITERATURE AVAILABLE SOON

Dean Johnson and his committee have completed the collection and reviewing and have arranged for publication of articles of enduring interest worthy of the label "Classic" Prosthodontic Articles. Funds have been allocated for publication of this work which should soon be available. When completed the book will be available from the Secretary at \$10.00 per copy.

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To join the Prosthodontic section of the IADR send this to: Eugene E. Fischer, D.M.D.
Pre-doctoral and 15109 Emory Lane
Post-doctoral students — no-charge Rockville, Maryland 20853
Others — \$5.00

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL RESEARCH, PROSTHODONTIC SECTION FORMED

The recommendation, supported by the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, requesting IADR to create a section devoted to the specialty of prosthodontics has been approved.

The North American division of the IADR, now called the American Association of Dental Research has also approved the action. Both groups have elected Dr. Louis J. Boucher as president.

In addition to the objectives of the IADR, the major objectives of the prosthodontic group will be to promote research in prosthodontics.

This will be sought by:

1. Providing a forum for the exchange of the interdisciplinary scientific information pertaining to prosthodontics.
2. Assisting the IADR and prosthodontic organization in developing their scientific programs.
3. Encouraging the research activities of capable young prosthodontic researchers and teachers.
4. Gaining recognition for prosthodontic research.
5. Taking any other appropriate steps agreed upon by the membership.

The current IADR President is Antje Tallgren. Krishan K. Kapur has been nominated for president-elect. Eugene E. Fischer is secretary-treasurer, Allen Brewer is Counselor (AADR), and Program Chairman is

Douglas A. Atwood. The same officers in the IADR will serve in the AADR except for the AADR president who is Julian Wolfel. There is no counselor for the IADR. The nominating committee has selected for president next year Krishan K. Kapur, Douglas Atwood, president-elect, retaining Eugene E. Fischer as secretary-treasurer and naming Ralph Feller program chairman.

In April 1975 over 50 papers were presented in New York at the AADR and 40 in London at the IADR. This years meeting will convene in Miami Beach, Florida, March 25 thru 28, 1976. Program chairman Douglas Atwood has scheduled 59 prosthodontic papers.

Dr. Allen Brewer recently made these comments regarding the membership, "Even though you are not a member of the IADR you may join these groups as an associate member. Dues are only \$5.00 per year. Pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students will be exempted from dues".

We have at present 81 members of these groups. We would like to increase this membership. The abbreviated application form attached above may be used to expedite your immediate participation.

RECENT ILLEGAL DENTISTRY ACTIVITIES

Following is a summary of major illegal dentistry activities that have been reported to the ADA Council on Dental Laboratory Relations in the past several months.

California — An organizational meeting of "denturists" was reportedly held in Los Angeles in December 1975.

Georgia — Legislation which would legalize "denturism" may be introduced in this year's state legislature. A recent television documentary featured an illegal operator claiming that the "can make teeth better and for less than dentists."

Idaho — The Idaho Association of Public Dental Technicians has appealed a district court decision which upheld the constitutionality of the state's dental practice act. The case is to be argued before the state Supreme Court. Meanwhile an Idaho-based organization calling itself the National Denturist Association has begun a nationwide membership drive urging dental technicians to assume the title "D.D.P.," doctor of denture prosthetics.

Illinois — Investigators from a state licensing and registration agency have conducted what they term a crackdown on illegal dental operations. With assistance of the state society's investigator, a six-chair operation was closed in October 1975.

Maine — A bill to legalize "denturist" activities was introduced in a special legislative session in January 1976. A hearing is scheduled for February.

Michigan — Newspaper advertisements have been appearing in the Detroit area newspapers soliciting patients for Ontario denture parlors. The state attorney general and the state press association have not responded satisfactorily to requests for action from the state dental association and the state dental board.

Nevada — An advertising campaign, including the use of door-to-door distribution of fliers, was underway in early 1976 by illegal operators in the Las Vegas area. A national organizational meeting of "denturists" is reportedly scheduled to be held in March 1976.

New York — The National Star in January 1976 published an article in which the supposed benefits of licensing "denturists" were extolled. The tabloid newspaper is distributed nationally.

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Ohio — A series of investigations, arrests and convictions have involved illegal operators in Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Penalties have included fines of up to \$300 and, in one case, incarceration of three days.

Oklahoma — Litigation is underway on several cases involving the illegal practice of dentistry. It has been rumored that legislation that would legalize "denturism" may be submitted during this year's session of the legislature.

Oregon — Bills to legalize "denturism" were introduced and turned aside in the 1973 and 1975 biennial sessions of the state legislature. Another bill is expected in 1977.

Pennsylvania — A newspaper article in August 1975 featured a dental laboratory technician who had outfitted a mobile denture clinic and was providing dentures and other dental services in rural areas.

Tennessee — State health officials and investigators from the attorney general's office have made arrests of illegal operators, two in September 1975. "Denturism" legislation was introduced in 1974.

Texas — (Please see President's Message for this report.)

Utah — A national organizational meeting of "denturists" was reportedly held in November 1975.

Washington — Advertising by Canadian dental mechanics has been appearing in newspapers. The state society in cooperation with the British Columbia Dental Technicians' Board has been successful in bringing a halt to individual instances of cross-border advertising.

The term "denturist" in the United States is a person who illegally holds himself out as qualified to practice dentistry. "Denturism" is the fitting and dispensing of dentures illegally to the public.

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The old dwellings which gaze Gothically over Alamo Square in San Francisco appear to have turned their backs on the 20th century with Victorian disapproval. Highest rises in background are, from left, Hotel Mark Hopkins, Transamerica Pyramid, Hartford Building, Bank of America, Hyatt on Union Square behind Hotel St. Francis and Wells Fargo Building.